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THE CONVENTION OF THE TEACHERS BEGINS IN ARCADIA NEXT FRIDAY, DEC. 1

The DeSoto County Teachers' Association will meet in Arcadia Dec. 1 and 2, and a large attendance is expected.

The following is the program for the session:

FRIDAY MORNING—10:30.
Meeting called to order by president. Singing and devotional exercise. Address of welcome by Mayor. Response by Supt. Brown. Organization and enrollment. Appointment of committees. Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—1:00.
Spelling:
Different Methods of Teaching—Miss Ethel Miles.
Rules and Diacritical Marks—Miss Maggie Stetson.
Should Spelling be Taught With Other Branches?—Prof. R. D. Moore.
Why Do We Have So Few Good Spellers?—Mrs. Huldah Smith.
Spelling Matches—Uses and Abuses—H. G. Murphy.

Reading:
Relative Value of Reading to Other Studies—Miss Almira Leitner.
Why Do Children Read so Poorly?—Mrs. Cora Duncan.
What is the Difference Between Advanced and Primary Reading?—Miss Flavius Cason.
Relative Value of the Word, Sentence and Alphabet Methods?—Mrs. C. W. McEwen.
What Are Some of the Mistakes in Teaching Reading?—Miss Lily Geiger.
Should We Have a Teachers' Library, if so How Can We Secure It?—Miss Donna Odum.
Report on School Libraries.—Supt. Brown.
School Government.
What is the End of School Government?—Prof. E. L. Richardson.
Why Do So Many Teachers Fail in Government?—Mrs. Rickard.
To What Extent Should a Teacher Understand Psychology?—Prof. P. G. Shaver.
What is School Method?—Miss Esther LeGrette.
What is the End of Punishment and How Should We Punish?—Miss Chesley Skipper.
Relation of Teacher to Parent.—J. F. Murphy.
What Shall We Do With the Dual Pupil?—J. S. Carlton.
How Can We Secure Better Attendance?—Miss Era Dawson.
Adjournment.

SATURDAY MORNING—8:30.
Arithmetic:
Relation of Mental to Practical Arithmetic.—Prof. C. H. Paul.
Why are so Few Pupils Able to Analyze in Arithmetic?—Prof. E. J. Murphy.
To What Extent Should Objects be Used in Teaching Arithmetic?—Miss Grace Stephens.
How Teach the Fundamental Principles?—T. S. Blackburn.
The Relative Importance of Fractions.—Garfield Johnson.
Should the Teacher Give Work not in the Text? If so, to What Extent? Miss Lois Porter.
Methods and Management:
What Should be the Qualifications of the Teacher?—Prof. Eugene Murphy.
Importance of the Recitation—How Conducted?—Miss Laura Mitchell.
What is Good Order? How Secured?—Prof. E. J. Murphy.
What Stress Should be Put on Drills, Reviews and Examinations?—R. L. Hart.
Should Prizes, Rewards, etc. be Granted?—Mrs. Geo. Carlton.
Grammar:
What is the Psychological Value of Grammar?—Prof. J. H. Fuiks.
To What Extent Should Analyzing be Taught?—Miss Coraella Orr.
To What Extent Should Diagramming be Taught?—Miss Alice Leitner.
To What Extent Should Written Work be Required?—Miss May Lewis.
Why do so Many Pupils Dislike Grammar?—Miss Maggie Carlton.
What Should Pupils be Taught in Language Lessons?—Miss F. Wilkison.
Adjournment.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—1:00.
History:
Why Do Pupils Have Trouble in the Study?—W. B. Jones.
Relation to Geography.—Miss Zilla Murphy.
Method of Reciting.—Miss Helen Wilson.
To What Extent Should Current History be Taught?—T. G. Brantley.
Should History be Taught as a Reading Lesson? Why?—Oran Baldwin.
Value of Short Reviews in History.—V. W. Sorrensen.
Geography:

How and to What Extent Should Oral Geography be Taught?—Miss Harriet Heusted.
How to Conduct the Recitation.—Miss Ida Bagwell.
Should Nature Work be Taught in Geography, and to What Extent?—Miss Ella Beeson.
Value of Map Drawing.—G. W. Alexander.
What are the Most Serious Mistakes in Teaching Geography?—A. A. Price.
Physiology:
Should Oral Physiology be Taught, if so, to What Extent?—S. G. Hull.
Relative Value of Physiology, Hygiene, Anatomy.—W. A. Hendry.
What are Some of the Mistakes Sometimes Made in Teaching Physiology?—Leslie Skipper.
Writing:
How Should It Be Taught?—J. A. Hughes.
Why are so Many Pupils Deficient in Writing?—Miss Laura Lewis.
Should the Child be Allowed to Use Script from the Beginning?—Miss Blanche Perry.
Miscellaneous business.
Reading of minutes.
Adjournment.

P. G. SHAYER,
MISS HARRIET HEUSTED,
MRS. ALICE McEVEN,
Committee.

Gardner
Gardner, Nov. 20.—Regular services were held on last Sunday by Rev. R. Y. Walden and was well represented from all points and especially from Brownville.
Messrs. Worth and Wilkinson, of Wauchula, were visiting friends and relatives of this place last Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. Jones, of Owens, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Vick, this week.
Bryant McCorquodale and sister, Miss Florence, was visiting relatives here Sunday.
Misses Artie and Hulda Albritton, two of Arcadia's charming young ladies, were visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.
Miss Mertie Coker, the prominent teacher of Oak Creek, paid homefolks a pleasant visit Saturday, returning to her duties Monday morning.
Dan Parker, of Bowling Green, was casting winning smiles at one of Gardner's fair sex Sunday.
Fred Durrance, one of Bowling Green's most handsome young men, who had been assisting his cousin, Neil Durrance, in the telegraph office here, returned to his home Sunday. We regret the departure of Fred very much and hope he will soon return.
Miss Maune Parker, of Arcadia, was visiting her sister, Miss Carrie, last Saturday, returning home Sunday.
Mrs. Cline and her daughter, Kate, and Mrs. Bennett, of Nocatee, was visiting relatives here Sunday.
Miss Pinie Moore, of Brownville, was the guest of the Misses Cokers Sunday.
J. B. Durrance, of Lily, paid his son, Neil, of this place, a pleasant visit Sunday.
Jim Murphy and daughter, Zilla, were the guests of Mrs. Fate Waldron Sunday.
Lacy Wiggins, of Plant City, was among our callers Sunday.
Lee Parker, one of Bowling Green's most prominent young men, who has been working here in the oranges for the past few weeks, returned to his home Monday. Mr. Parker is missed very much in our choir, as he is an excellent tenor singer.
The members of Gardner church and others that are interested in the building of a church house here, are requested to meet at the school house at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night, Nov. 29, for the purpose of drawing up some kind of a plan for building a house large enough to seat the congregation that assembles here on every third Sunday.
We are very glad to report that our church has re-elected R. Y. Walden as pastor for an unlimited time.
Thomas Waldron, of Arcadia, was in our midst Sunday evening.
Allen Durrance, of Bowling Green, was visiting relatives here Friday and Saturday.
T. W. Coker and Dave Harris, two of Gardner's handsome young men, who have been engaged in the orange work at Ft. Ogden for a few days, were calling here Sunday.
We are glad to welcome into our midst as one of our citizens Mr. O'Neil and family, from Georgia.
Everybody is cordially invited to attend the Thanksgiving picnic at the school house.
Mrs. Brandon, of Brownville, was among the many visitors here Sunday.
Oliver Ellis, of Arcadia, was visiting relatives here Sunday.

Brownville

Brownville, Nov. 21.—Quite a number of our folks are attending the fair this week.

Oranges are still being shipped in large quantities from this place.

W. H. Williams is among the many who are having new houses erected.

Miss Edie Hollingsworth returned Saturday from an extended visit in North Carolina and Georgia.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Frank Baldwin, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is slowly recovering.

Miss Ada Waldron, of Cleveland, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks. She was accompanied back by her little sister, Eula.

Mrs. L. A. Ford and little daughter, Mildred, left Tuesday for Hawthorne, where she will spend a month with her mother.

Miss Piney Moore entertained the young folks at a pound party Friday night.

Crewsville

Crewsville, Nov. 25.—Dr. A. J. Hannibal, of Wauchula, made this place a professional call last week.

Jack Skipper is visiting Green Springs and other places this week.

J. B. Hudson is shipping his oranges this week and says he will have about 600 boxes this season.

Rev. J. H. Brantley filed his regular appointment at this place last Saturday and Sunday.

We regret very much to have to report the illness of the child of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lewis this week, which is reported very low.

Road supervisor, W. R. Oberly, with his crew of hands has been at work on the roads east of this place for the past week.

Our school is progressing nicely and the patrons as far as they have expressed themselves are pleased to know that Jos. H. Brown has secured Miss Ida Bagwell to teach the 1906 term of school for us.

SUCCESS IMPROVEMENT OF HEN IN FLORIDA

Tampa Times: We regret to see our esteemed contemporary the Jacksonville Times-Union, make a break in any direction, although it is inspired by the most patriotic impulses. Under the caption of "Recognize the Home Hen" it makes a plea for the confinement of the awards of the State Fair prizes to the Florida raised poultry. That idea is no doubt, as we remarked in the beginning, purely patriotic, but it is wrong. Circumstances belonging to the past and now beyond control have made the Florida hen inferior to her more favored sisters in other States. She has not received the careful attention that has been bestowed upon the fortunate cooped fowls further north, for example.

Our Florida hen does not grow to the same size nor lay so many eggs, as the hen of New Jersey or of Rhode Island or New York. It is therefore devolved upon us to reinforce her by the introduction of other and better strains, and to get those strains into our midst we must offer their owners and exhibitors the encouragement of such prizes at our poultry shows as their merits entitle them to win. Those of them who establish a high rank in the fierce competition of the show yard will become incorporated among our own flocks and amalgamate with the humble Florida hen and improve her progeny.

We allow no one to cut us out in affection for any loyalty to the Florida hen—but, like the Florida cow and the Florida razorback, she needs improvement. He is a mistaken advocate of the Florida hen who insists that she should be shut away and protected from the competition of the more richly and carefully bred hen of more northern latitudes. It is our fond desire to see the best hens of the north and west introduced to Florida, where the climate and the soil and productions are so favorable to their development still beyond their now recognized excellence, and where we may see them reach the very acme of poultry perfection. We firmly believe in hens with the same blind confidence the traditional Missourian had in whiskey. He held that it was all good, but some was better. All hens are good, but some are better than others, and owing to our surroundings and accommodations we have not possessed ourselves of the best, neither have we developed them from such beginnings as we did have.

Florida is now on the threshold of a great revival, in which the hen will bear a worthy part. Give the hen the best possible show.

The Debating Club.

The young men's debating club held a lively and interesting meeting last Monday evening. The subject debated was, "Resolved that a dry county is financially better off than a wet one."

Almost all the members were present while two new names were enrolled.

Next Monday night the question of government ownership of railroads will be discussed.

The affirmative side will be upheld by Hilton Johnson and H. M. Whiddon, while W. C. Langford and Harley Watson will support the negative.

The Reading Room and Debating Club are solely for the benefit of the young men and it is hoped as many as can will avail themselves of the opportunities offered.

New President of A. C. L.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line held in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, T. M. Emerson, of Wilmington, was elected president, vice R. T. Erwin, resigned. Mr. Emerson was formerly fourth vice-president and traffic manager. He succeeded Erwin on the board of directors. All the other officers and directors were re-elected. Alex Hamilton, former second vice-president, was promoted to first vice-president. C. S. Gadsden was promoted from third to second vice-president. J. R. Kenly was made third vice-president. A dividend of 3 per cent was declared on the stock, placing it on a 6 instead of 5 per cent basis. The annual report showed an increase in mileage, gross and net receipts. President Emerson started with the road in the local freight offices in Wilmington, N. C., at \$75 a month.

THE MEAN THING.

